

Snowmobiles

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Chapter 2: Snowmobiles

Sec. 10-2-1 State Snowmobile Laws Adopted.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Chapter, the statutory provisions of Chapter 350, Wis. Stats., describing and defining regulations with respect to snowmobiles exclusive of any regulations for which the statutory penalty is a fine or term of imprisonment are hereby adopted by reference and made part of this Chapter as if fully set forth herein. Acts required to be performed or prohibited by such statutes are required or prohibited by this Chapter. Any future amendments, revisions or modifications of the Statutes incorporated herein by reference are intended to be made part of this Chapter in order to secure to the extent legally practicable uniform statewide regulation of snowmobiles in the State of Wisconsin.

Sec. 10-2-2 Snowmobile Trails.

- (a) **Snowmobile Defined.** "Snowmobile" means any engine driven vehicle of any type which utilizes sled type runners, skis, an endless belt tread or any combination of these or other similar means of contact with the surface upon which it is operated.
- (b) **Use Restrictions.**
 - (1) No person shall travel upon any County designated snowmobile trail by any means other than a snowmobile or a vehicle being used for trail grooming and maintenance during the time of the year that such trail is in use as a snowmobile trail.
 - (2) A landowner or any person authorized by the landowner is exempted from this Section with respect to those portions of the trail on the landowner's property.
- (c) **Damaging Surface of Trail Prohibited.** No person shall damage, mar or deface the surface or any other part of any County designated snowmobile trail.
- (d) **Defacing or Removing Signs Prohibited.** No person shall deface, destroy or remove any snowmobile trail signs from any County designated snowmobile trail.

Sec. 10-2-3 Penalty.

- (a) **Forfeiture; Penalty.** The penalty for violation of any provision of this Chapter shall be a forfeiture as hereafter provided, together with court costs and fees and the applicable penalty assessment. Forfeiture for violation of any snowmobile regulations set forth in the Wisconsin Statutes adopted by reference in Section 10-2-1 shall conform to the forfeiture penalty permitted to be imposed for

violations of the comparable Wisconsin statute including any variations or increases for subsequent offenses.

- (b) **Applicable Court Procedures.** Except as otherwise specifically provided by the laws of the Statute or this Chapter, the snowmobile regulation in the code shall be enforced in Circuit Court in accordance with the provision of the Chapters 23, 345 and 799, Wis. Stats.
- (c) **Citations.** The citation described in Chapter 23 and 345, Wis. Stats., shall be used for the enforcement of those violations adopted herein at Section 10-2-1.

Sec. 10-2-4 Snowmobile Business Sign Regulations.

- (a) **Title.** This Section shall be known as the Bayfield County Snowmobile Business Sign Ordinance.
- (b) **Permit Required.** No person shall erect or maintain any business advertising sign on any snowmobile trail constituting a part of the Bayfield County Snowmobile Trail System without first obtaining a permit from the Bayfield County Tourism Forestry and Parks Administrator. A person shall be eligible for such a permit only if the person or his/her business is a local snowmobile club sponsor or supporter, or a Class A associate member of the Bayfield County Snowmobile Alliance. The Director may seek input from the Bayfield County Snowmobile Alliance in determining whether an application for a permit should be granted. If a sign is to be placed on a trail located on national forest land, a permit from the U.S. Forest Service will also be required, and if a sign is to be placed on a trail located on private land, permission from the private land owner will also be required. (*Revised 4-16-13*)
- (c) **Permitted Signs.** Permitted signs shall be only for the purpose of directing trail users to places of business along the trail system. Information contained on signs shall be limited to names of businesses, international symbols pertaining to types of business, directional arrows, and distances to businesses. Distances, where indicated, shall be reasonably accurate.
- (d) **Sign Placement.** Signs may be placed at trail heads, intersections, and trail entrances to businesses only. Signs shall be erected on 4"x 4" wooden posts or metal sign posts and located at least two (2) feet to the right of "Stop" or other official signs.

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- (e) **Sign Size and Material.** Signs shall be of material authorized by the Bayfield County Forestry & Parks Administrator shall have a white legend on a brown background. They shall be rectangular in shape and 12" X 30" in size. Sign letters shall be capital block letters 3" in height and directional arrows shall be the same size. (*Revised 4-16-13*)

- (f) **Removal of Noncomplying Signs.** Any sign placed on a trail within the Bayfield County Snowmobile Trail System which is not in compliance with this Section shall be removed under the direction of the Bayfield County Forestry & Parks Administrator. *(Revised 4-16-13)*
- (g) **Violations.** Any person violating this Section shall be subject to the following:
- (1) For a first violation, the violator shall be given a written warning and five (5) days thereafter to correct the violation.
 - (2) For a first violation if not corrected within the time period stated in Subsection (g)(l), and for a second violation, a forfeiture of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) plus statutory costs, assessments, and fees.
 - (3) For a third or subsequent violation, a forfeiture of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) plus statutory costs, assessment, and fees.
- (h) **Enforcement.** This Section may be enforced by the Bayfield County Sheriff and his/her deputies and by employees of the Bayfield County Forestry & Parks Department designated by the Bayfield County Forestry & Parks Administrator, and citations for violations of this Section may be issued by said persons pursuant to the Bayfield County Citation Ordinance. *(Revised 4-16-13)*